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Washington, DC - Rep. Peter Welch tonight supported a renewed effort in Congress to force a change in the president's policy in Iraq, requiring troop withdrawal to begin within 30 days.

The bill requires that "within 30 days after enactment of this Act, the President shall commence an immediate and orderly redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq." It also ties funding to the withdrawal and redeployment of the United States Armed Forces from Iraq.

"Whether he vetoes this bill or not, we must keep the pressure on this president. And we must do everything in our power to force a change of policy and end this war," said Welch. "It's time for the president's allies in Congress to finally break from the president and join a majority in Congress fighting to end the war."

The legislation also requires a transition in the mission of U.S. forces in Iraq from primarily combat to force protection and diplomatic protection, limited support of Iraqi security forces, and targeted counterterrorism operations.

The Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act of 2008, H.R. 4156, was supported by the Progressive and Out of Iraq Caucuses.